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Superintendent's Corner

By: Michael Lloyd, Superintendent

Due to the Superintendent being absent for a few days, he was not able to submit a column this week.

Culinary Arts

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

March 20, 2007, I went to the culinary arts department to do an interview with the instructor of the class, Mr. Brady, and learned immediately that I wasn't going to be able to conduct my interview due to that class was in session and the instructor instructing, and doing a fine job of instructing I might add. At the time that I entered the classroom, Mr. Brady was discussing the different cuts of lamb meat. He utilized the overhead projector with slides to show the cuts of meat. He also uses audio/video equipment, textbooks as well as hands-on demonstrations as teaching methods. I was able to pull Mr. Brady's clerk, Mr. Holden whom has been working for Mr. Brady since the February 15, 2007 from his workstation briefly for an interview.

As Mr. Brady's clerk, Mr. Holden is responsible for keeping attendance, keeping track of students' classroom hours, etc. Mr. Holden has next to no involvement in the class as far as participation, but he picks up a lot

simply because he's there during every class. Mr. Holden does pretty much all of his work on one of the few computers in the class. He had very little computers skills before going to work for Mr. Brady. Of course, the more he has used the computer, the more he has learned how to use it. Mr. Holden said that he enjoys his job, enjoys the class and the instructor, Mr. Brady.

I was fortunate to be able to talk briefly with one of Mr. Brady's students, Mr. McClay. Mr. McClay has been in culinary arts for close to 3 months and is looking to graduate in May of '07. Mr. McClay has in his plans to use the culinary knowledge and skills that he has learned when he returns to society. Having worked in the food service industry before, Mr. McCray has a lot more to work with since being a part of the culinary arts program here at PREF. He'll be Serv' Safe certified and although he won't be a licensed cook or chef upon completing the culinary arts program, he will be more employable than the average individual with culinary skills in the outside world.

There's quite a bit of cooking going on in the class as one can imagine. Everything that is cooked is made from scratch. There are no pre-cooked meals prepared in culinary arts. And everything that the students cook, they eat. The students are required to learn how to prepare menus, recipes, etc.

It takes a total of 600 hours to complete the culinary arts curriculum according to Mr. McCray. He adds that there are life skills involved with class lessons. According to Mr. McCray and Mr. Holden, Mr. Brady has a lot of outside experience to share with his students, and does. Some of the things that Mr. McCray, and other students as well, I'm sure, appreciate about Mr. Brady is that he pounds into their heads the importance of getting as much out of his class as possible to better their chances of success in the real world, and that Mr. Brady doesn't lie to his students about anything that he might not know having to do with culinary arts. He'll say that if he doesn't know, he'll try to find out.

There's always a great deal of class participation. The students stay excited about learning from Mr. Brady and interested in the material. It also appreciated that Mr. Brady makes time and takes time with every individual student. "This shows that he cares about us," says Mr. McCray.

Keep caring Mr. Brady, and to the students, keep up the good work.

Chess Tournament

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

On Tuesday, March 13, 2007, members of the chess club at PREF, known as the PREF Kings participated in a nationally recognized chess tournament brought to us by outside volunteer and chess master, Mr. Parham, and his chess club known as the Martin Knights. The PREF Kings' team members are: Mr. Ellis A.K.A. Bishop, Mr. Winton, Mr. Heuser and Mr. Tunstill. Mr. Parham's members were: Mr. Bivons, Mr. Collins, Mr. Pinner, and Mr. Jackson. On board #1 Mr. Bivons

and Mr. Ellis went at it. Mr. Bivons won the match. On board #2 Mr. Collins and Mr. Winton challenged one another. Mr. Collins walked away with two victories from the two games played between them. On board #3 Mr. Pinner and Mr. Heuser had at it. Mr. Heuser, the only PREF Kings player to win in the tournament, walked away with 2 wins over Mr. Pinner of the Martin Knights of the 2 games that they played. And finally, on board #4 Mr. Jackson won over Mr. Tunstill in the game that they played. After the tournament games were played there was a free play session. All the games were intense as one can imagine, including the free play games.

Mr. Parham is especially exciting to watch while he does what he does on the chessboard. He is a chess master and it is not hard to tell why. He is extremely skilled, knowledgeable and talented. He didn't participate in the actual tournament. He did, however, play several games during the free play period.

Mr. Parham is the inventor of what is known in the world of chess as Matrix Notation. This system is used to keep score and for tracking the pieces for ranking. He explained the system to all before anybody moved a piece before play.

Also, Mr. Parham is the author and creator of what is known in Indiana's chess world as Parham's Opening or Parham's Attack. When using Parham's attack, one would bring out the queen early to put pressure on the opponent. To most chess players, from beginners to the more advanced, this would not at all be a wise move.

Congratulations to all the winners that participated in the tournament. I was glad that I attended the tournament. The

PREF chess club members and I, Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk, would like to thank Mr. Parham and the other volunteers for their time and participation in the program. Because I attended, I've been inspired to begin again playing chess after not having played for over 10 years.

Mr. Ellis had this to add about Mr. Parham: "Mr. Parham teaches us not to be discouraged by a loss, but to aim to learn from it and give a considerable amount of attention and concentration to improving upon that mistake in which we've made. This goes for when we're playing a game of chess, or playing the game of life."

Congratulations to all the winners on both teams!

Sports

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

Listed below are the scores for the PREF winter basketball tournament games played on the 20th and the 22nd of March 2007:

March 20, 2007

Game 1 – IU 72, Phoenix, 42

Game 2 – Pacers 53, Lakers 66

March 22, 2007

Game 1 – Team #5 50, Team #1 52

Game 2 – Team #2 56, Team #3 53

Just a Thought

By: Dwight Cobbs, PIO Clerk

As the tree is fortified by its own broken branches and fallen leaves and grows out of its own decay, so are men bettered and improved by trial, and refined out of broken hopes and blighted expectations.

F.W. Robertson

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